

SENATE AGRICULTURE

EXHIBIT NO. 1

DATE 4/4/13

BILL NO. SR 43

SENATE HEARING ON NOMINATION OF

JOHN SCULLY

TO BOARD OF LIVESTOCK

I HAVE KNOWN JOHN SCULLY SINCE HE SERVED IN THE MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS A LEGISLATOR FROM THE GALLATIN/MADISON AREA. THROUGH THE YEARS WE WERE IN TOUCH WHETHER IT WAS A BRAND RECORDING ISSUE, CATTLE HEALTH RULE, OR LIVESTOCK MARKETING ISSUE.

HE COMES FROM A LIVESTOCK FAMILY LONG KNOWN IN THE AREA AND IS SO VERY KNOWLEGABLE ABOUT ALL FACETS OF THE INDUSTRY, FINANCIAL, COUNTRY MARKETING, AUCTION MARKETING, AND ANIMAL HEALTH.

IN ADDITION, HE HAS A VERY GIFTED AND UNIQUE TALENT OF WORKING WITH AND BRINGING FOLKS TOGETHER WHETHER IT BE ONE ON ONE OR IN A GROUP SETTING. HE HAS CONDUCTED TRAINING WITH ORGANIZATIONS DOING THIS VERY THING.

DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS JOHN HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES. HE LIVES IN THE DSA AREA OF THE STATE AND REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF SO MANY PRODUCERS IN THAT AREA. HE HAS APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF LIVESTOCK MEETINGS, AND HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STAFF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO JOHN SERVED ON A 12 MEMBER STUDY GROUP OF RANCHERS FROM THROUGHOUT MONTANA TO LOOK AT THE BRUCELLOSIS ISSUE FROM THE PRODUCERS SIDE. THE GROUP WAS NOT SPONSORED BY ANY ORGANIZATION NOR WERE THEY PAID. THEY MET SEVERAL TIMES FOR OVER A YEAR, ALL THE TIME SEEKING ADVICE FROM ANIMAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AS WELL. THEY COMPILED A REPORT AND PRESENTED IT TO THE BOARD OF LIVESTOCK TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR DECISION MAKING PROCESS. JOHN WAS A VERY STRONG AND KNOWING MEMBER OF THIS GROUP.

HE WILL SERVE THE INDUSTRY WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF LIVESTOCK.